





# OBSEVER & REPORTER

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LEXINGTON, JAN. 27, 1854.

In compliance with a request from a number of our patrons, we commence to-day the publication of the reply of the Hon. Kenneth Rayner, of North Carolina, to the strictures of the Hon. Henry A. Wise, the present Democratic candidate for Governor of Virginia, upon the tenets which are understood to be held and the principles advocated by that mysterious order which has recently so powerfully diffused itself over the entire length and breadth of the land, and which is known by the homely sobriquet of "Know Nothings."

The first of the series appears in this day's paper, and will be continued until the entire number has been published. The articles, although occupying considerable space, will be found to be in the highest degree interesting, and we are not sure that we could fill our columns—especially in the almost entire absence of interesting intelligence which now prevails—with any matter that would be at once fraught with more interest and profit, and we trust that not one of our numerous readers, will fail to give to it the attention which the importance of the subject discussed merits.

The circumstances under which these able papers were written were as follows: Prior to the assembling of the recent Democratic Convention in Virginia, for the nomination of candidates for Governor and Lieut. Governor, and other State Officers, the several gentlemen who were spoken of prominently in connection with the candidacy for the Gubernatorial chair, were interrogated through the public press as to their views upon "Know Nothingism," to which interrogation they respectively responded. Mr. Henry A. Wise, who is a man of talents, and who has in his day occupied no inconsiderable share of the public attention, replied at great length through the columns of the *Richmond Enquirer*, taking bold and decided ground against the new order and its principles, and, although not exactly in the highest style of rhetorical finish, and somewhat rambling in its general character, still his reply is characterized by force of thought, vigor of language, and a bold dashing air, which renders it by no means despicable, and indeed rather taking with those who are content to examine only one side of a question.

The attention of the Hon. Kenneth Rayner, of North Carolina, was directed to this effusion of the Virginia politician, and his views upon it invoked; and he at once took up the gauntlet thrown down by Mr. Wise, and in a series of articles now in course of publication in the "American Organ," at Washington, responds to the views thus so vauntingly proclaimed from "Only," the seat of Mr. Rayner, in the county of Accomac, and State of Virginia. The Rayner is a gentleman of about the same age as Mr. Wise. If we mistake not they entered Congress at the same session, and served each probably six or eight years in the lower branch of that body. They were both in the celebrated twenty-seventh Congress—were both at that time ardent Whigs, and both had warmly engaged in the memorable canvass which resulted in the triumphant election of the lamented Harrison to the Presidency in 1840. After the lamented death of the Hero of North Bend, Mr. Tyler succeeded to the Presidency, and the events which followed need not be stated. Mr. Wise, like Mr. Tyler, proved treacherous to his party, and reaped the reward of it in the reception of a foreign mission near the close of that disgraceful administration. Mr. Rayner, on the contrary, continued true and faithful to the party with which he was associated, and to the principles he had always maintained, and after the lapse of a few years he retired from the halls of Congress to the pursuit of his profession, which he has assiduously prosecuted since, refusing to be again dragged into political life. He is a man of very superior talents, of fine political and literary attainments, and of unquestioned political integrity. He states the positions and arguments of his adversary fairly, and replies to them with a vigor and power which will strike the reader, and render the perusal of his articles both useful and agreeable. To that end they are commended to the especial attention of those into whose hands our paper falls.

A case came up for trial a few days since in New York, wherein one party sued another for the value of 40 bags of peas. The plaintiff was a coffee roaster, and had contracted with the defendant for 250 bags of peas, which, it appeared, were to be ground up with the coffee. Some curious developments came out in the course of the trial, showing the extent to which peas, chicory and other substances are used for the article which is sold as pure ground coffee.

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HON. JOHN Y. MASON.—The Washington Union, of last week, says—"So far as we have ascertained, no public or private dispatches have been received in this city by the steamer Canada in regard to the health of the American Minister at Paris." In the absence of all information, it is but reasonable to infer that a change for the better had taken place in the condition of Judge Mason since the sailing of the Baltic."

The Mayville Eagle announces the death of Major William S. Pickett, Postmaster of that city, on Monday last, after a long and painful attack of inflammatory rheumatism.

LATER AND HIGHLY IMPORTANT INTELLIGENCE FROM EUROPE.—We give in another part of our paper the news brought by the Pacific. The intelligence is highly interesting and important, and to it we direct the attention of our readers.

We noticed in our last that Col. R. B. CARPENTER, of Covington, had accepted a call made upon him to become a candidate for Congress in that district.

We see that Col. H. C. HARRIS has since been called on to become a candidate for the same office.

The Covington Journal thinks it a little curious that, although the District is largely Democratic, and both gentlemen have been always hitherto rather ultra in their support of the views of that district, the object was to make a pronouncement against Know-Nothingism. Messrs. Houston, Rusk, Adams & others refused to attend, and there was little of nothing done. The Caucus adjourned.

The Pacific Road is believed to be Mc-

Dowellized, or, in other words, defaced.

It is understood that Mr. Cass is soon to visit the Granite State, where he will

make a demonstration against the Know-

Nothingists, and ignore Nebraska.

It is confidently believed that Gov. Marcy will go to Europe. The Cabinet is, and has been amicable. Ex-Gov. Seymour prefers to stay at home.

It is announced, by authority, in the Mayville Eagle, of Tuesday, that the school of Shultz, Hadden & Letting, of New York, whose suspension was announced a few days since, has resumed in full. The temporary suspension was caused by the maturing of acceptances given upon produce which failed to come to hand, but they were promptly provided for by remittances from Mr. Shultz, so soon as he learned of the contingency which required it.

It is said that Mr. Breckinridge

will not accept the mission to Spain until after the termination of the present Congress.

TEXAS CLAIMS.—The Senate bill for the settlement of the claims of Texas creditors provides for the payment in cash, of eight and a half millions of dollars, on condition of full releases to the United States, on behalf of all who shall accept the terms tendered. The bill from the House committee of Ways & Means imposes other and more rigid conditions. Among them are the following: The creditors are required to execute releases not only to the United States but to Texas. Texas is to execute a release to the United States purporting that the sum paid is in full satisfaction for all her claims upon the United States prior to annexation. In consideration of the payments, Texas and voted throughout for Mr. Webster; and when it was announced that Gen. Taylor had received the nomination, Mr. Wilson, and one of his colleagues, Chas. Allen, denounced the nomination, and declared that they would not support it, because Gen. Taylor was not a Whig.

They returned to Massachusetts, called an anti-Taylor convention, which was held, and a National Convention at Buffalo recommended. The Buffalo Convention was held, Martin Van Buren and Charles Francis Adams were respectively nominated for President and Vice President, and Gen. Wilson was elected.

COLONIZATION.—The American Colonization Society held its annual session in Washington city on Tuesday of last week. From the report of the Secretary it appears that the receipts of the year have been about \$65,000, and the expenditures previously nominated for President and Vice President, and Gen. Wilson, who could not support Gen. Taylor, because he was not a Whig, was ardent and active in support of Van Buren, who never claimed to be a Whig. This, the Gazette says, was the first real foundation of the Free Soil party, to which Gen. Wilson adhered afterwards, until some time last year he joined with the "Know Nothings," by whom he has been elevated to the seat once filled by Webster and Everett in the United States Senate. We certainly have no good opinion of Gen. Wilson's antecedents as herein detailed, and unite with the Louisville Courier in the opinion that the members of the Massachusetts Legislature could have performed a much more acceptable service to the country than they have done in the election of Gen. Henry Wilson to the Senate of the United States.

Fatal Accident.—On Saturday morning, about half-past 10 o'clock, an accident occurred on the railroad near Cynthiana by which Chharies H. Anderson, the Postmaster of that place, was killed. The circumstances are thus detailed by the Cynthiana News: "It appears that Mr. Anderson and several other gentlemen, wishing to make a short excursion down the railroad, got into a hand car for that purpose, and while he was engaged in turning the crank by which the car was propelled, the handle by some means became entangled in the skirts of his coat, and throwing him violently forward on the track, the wheels of the car passed over his neck and his head, mangling him terribly and producing instant death. One or two others who were thrown off, by the shock, and upon repairing immediately to the assistance of Mr. Anderson they found him dead. His body was brought to town soon after, and a coroner's inquest held, which returned a verdict in accordance with the above facts.

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BOSTON, Jan. 25.

*Know-Nothing Convention in New Hampshire.*—The members of the late New Hampshire Know Nothing State Convention, held in Manchester, are to assemble at the same place on the 30th, to nominate a candidate for Governor.

The Rev. John Moore, their first nominee, being ineligible to the office. The talk of candidates are numerous, Ex-Gov. Colby; Dame of Portsmouth; Marston, of Exeter; and Christie, of Dover, head of the list.

Correspondence of the N. Y. Tribune.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.

It is believed here that the President's call for three thousand volunteers is only a ruse to force through the bill adding four regiments to the regular army. This measure is a pet one of the White House, and among the White House bangers.

The steamer Falcon left Aspinwall on the afternoon of the 15th for New York via Havana, to meet the Panamá, to sell to the highest bidder, and return on the 20th, to the same port.

The Panamá railroad will probably be opened on the 10th of February.

ARRIVAL OF THE GEORGE LAW.

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.

The steamer George Law has arrived with the California mail of the last, & \$21,000 in treasure.

News is unimportant. There had been no rain until the day the steamer left, when a tempest prevailed, doing much damage. It was more severe now than since my arrival.

The Panamá railroad was suffering for rain in the interior trade winds.

The supreme court declares Sacramento to be the capital of the state.

The steamer Alaska at Oakland is a failure, a total loss.

Twenty State prisoners escaped on the 27th.

The want of a safe cause apprehensions for general insurrection.

The steamer Sonora was robbed of \$27,000 while on her way to Panama, \$10,000 of it was recovered.

Dr. Gwin and Mr. Broderick are the principal candidates for the Legislature at San Francisco.

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This ship has arrived containing about

1,000 cases of tobacco.

NOTICE! NOTICE!

I WISH for his balance of the year a good Cook, Washer and Ironer. For one who can be well recommended I will pay the highest price.

B. G. BRUCE,  
at Wilkes & Bruce's.

DOG LOST.

A FEW days ago a terrier dog left to bear

meat.

He was last seen on the 15th.

He is a small black dog, with a white

patch on his chest.

He is a very good dog.

## FALL TRADE.

J. W. & J. C. COCHRAN,  
IMPORTERS & JOBBERS,

HAVE now in store their entire Stock for Fall sales of  
English, French and American

### DRY GOODS.

bought from manufacturers and agents on the most

favorable terms, comprising one of the largest and

most varied assortments of entirely fresh Goods

ever offered to the trade in this city, which will be

sold at the lowest and most competitive prices.

All persons wishing to purchase, to sell again,

are solicited to call and make an examination of our

stock. J. W. & J. C. COCHRAN,

A large lot of

N. B. We have added to our stock of Dry Goods

a great many new articles.

W. W. & J. C. COCHRAN,

READY-MADE CLOTHING,

which will be sold to the trade only.

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CHRISTMAS! CHRISTMAS!

Direct from Baltimore.

WILD GAME OF EVERY DESCRIPTION.

THE subscriber, at James A. Harpe's Store

Rooms on Main street, Lexington, is now receiving a large supply of FRESH OYSTERS,

also WILD GAME of every description, viz: Ven-

ison, Grouse, Partridges, &c. which he will be

pleased to supply to the trade at the lowest and

the surrounding country at the very lowest rates.

Having ordered extra supplies of all the above

articles for the CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS, he

wishes to inform his friends to call and

examine them for themselves.

WM. H. EHREICH, Agent.

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\$150,000!

GIFT ENTERPRISE.

Consumption Certain! Seventy thousand tickets

already sold.

Only \$0.00 to be disposed of.

Distribution of Gifts to come off Without Fail

March 10, 1854.

Or owners of the Tickets are all sold.

D. N. ALL & CO. beg assure their friends

that under no consideration will the distribution

be postponed beyond the above mentioned

date; and they, by energy and the co-operation

of their agents, will do their best to effectuate

an early period, in which case the notice will be given.

OFFICE 48 BROADWAY, N. Y.

150,000 Premiums to be given to the subscribers

of each and every copy of the "Illustration

of George Washington President of the

United States," from the celebrated painting of

Edw. Paul Leavenworth.

Price of engraving \$1.00

and includes postage.

Each copy will be accompanied by a certificate

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